

# ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A retractable lens includes a linearly movable ring, a retractable holder, a holding device, a retracting device, and a flexible PWB configured to connect an electronic component supported inside the linearly movable ring, with an electronic circuit positioned outside the linearly movable ring. The retractable holder is separate from the flexible PWB when the retractable holder is held by the holding device in an operational position in which the retractable optical element is on the optical axis. The retractable holder presses the flexible PWB in a radial direction of the linearly movable ring from an inside to an outside of the linearly movable ring and supports the flexible PWB when the retractable holder is moved to a radially retracted position by the retracting device such that the retractable optical element retracts to the position that deviates from a photographing optical axis.